

Rombough, Kyrik

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Sent: Monday, November 10, 2008 7:18 AM
To: Gustafson, Brian; Rombough, Kyrik
Cc: Duvall, Ron
Subject: FW: Attn: Hyperion Air Permit

Brian/Kyrik,

Hyperion comment.

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From: Liane Grayson [mailto:liane.grayson@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 08, 2008 6:18 PM
To: DENR INTERNET INFORMATION
Subject: Attn: Hyperion Air Permit

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

I am writing as a citizen of Clay County, SD to request that you deny the application by Hyperion Refinery LLC for a PSD air quality permit. The air emissions from the proposed refinery will negatively impact the health of the citizens of the region, the variety of wildlife, and the possibility of developing future, environmentally friendly businesses. Vermillion deserves higher class industry than oil. The region could be a thriving arts community that would attract tourists. With polluted skies, southeast SD no longer has a chance to become a "destination".

My husband and I moved from Cleveland, OH a year ago and have loved living in southeast SD where the sky is blue and clear rather than shades of hazy gray. Cleveland's air quality requires constant monitoring. The air is polluted with particulate matter and other emissions that have been affecting the health of the people of northeast Ohio for decades. During the summer, the air is so polluted that on hot days, ozone warnings remind people to stay inside. Is this the kind of place the people of SD want? It is not what I want. My husband and I plan to leave SD if Hyperion becomes a reality. The life we moved here for will be gone. I suggest Hyperion consider building in Cleveland. The air is already polluted.

The only positive point that anyone can identify about Hyperion's presence in southeast SD is that there will be jobs. Sure. There will be primarily low paying jobs, but for how long? What happens when the oil runs out, or Hyperion goes bankrupt, or we find cleaner more efficient energy sources and no longer rely upon oil? The region is left with polluted land that no one will purchase or clean up. We already have the lowest unemployment in the country. Do we need more jobs?

The costs associated with approving Hyperion's application are much greater in the long-term than any short-term job benefits. Other educated, environmentally conscious individuals like my husband and I will leave SD for "greener" states where the quality of life resembles the life we currently have in Clay County. Southeast SD will no longer be attractive to individuals with education and expendable incomes.

In closing, I ask, would you want to live near an oil refinery that spews into the air what Hyperion proposes to blow into the blue sky?

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,
Liane Grayson